

**Combat Advisor**  
**(Formally Advisor Assistance Team or Transition Team)**  
**Skill Level 5 (MSG)**

The responsibility of a Combat Advisor is to support Host Nation Leader Development. As a Combat Advisor, the development and facilitation of a positive rapport with Host Nation Security Force (HNSF) Commanders and Staffs and influencing unit actions that enhance operational security are essential. As combat advisors are subject matter experts for all coalition effects, teaching and mentoring of the HSNF Commanders and Staffs during kinetic and non-kinetic operations occurs. Combat Advisors teach and mentor HN unit training and operational readiness and logistical operations to Fight to Sustain, Sustain to Fight, also coaching and mentoring the Host Nation Legitimacy, thus demonstrating the principles of leadership by personal example, and to serve as a conduit to Coalition effects. As a Micro-ambassador, the two core competencies are - know what the sovereign wants and attempt to influence the target audience; Combat Advisors must earn a hearing with the target audience.